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Two O-Trains off-track for maintenance

SERVICE For the second time in a month, two of Ottawa's three O-Trains were out commission on the weekend, reducing service to one trip every 30 minutes.

City spokesman Barre Campbell said yesterday two trains remain off the rails for maintenance.

Until another train is added, the O-Train will be travelling south from Bayview on the hour and half hour, and will head north from Greenboro every 15 and 45 minutes after the hour.

On June 10, two out-of-service trains forced similar delays, blamed on crumbling cement around a hoist that made it unsafe for repairs to one of the trains.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Resident finds teen dead after house party

DEATH An 18-year-old male was found dead yesterday at a Nepean area home where there had been a house party.

Ottawa police were called to a residence in the Parkwood Hills area near Meadowlands Drive at about 11:30 a.m. after a resident could not awaken one of the partygoers. The deceased was a guest at the party. Although foul play is not suspected, cause of death is to be determined pending a post-mortem. METRO OTTAWA

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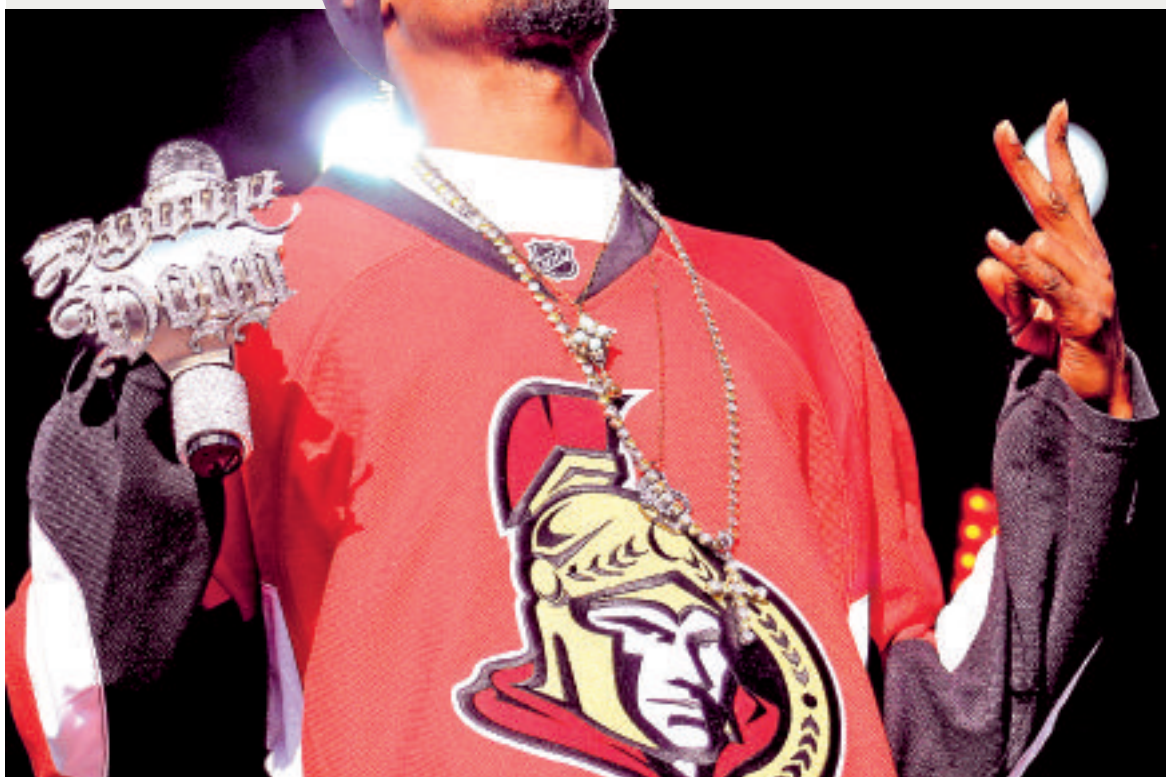


Drivers vow to keep motoring

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Kate introduces Lance to mom

Bluesfest In the Dogg's house



From the moment he took the stage in an Ottawa Senators jersey last night at Bluesfest, hands in the crowd went up and Snoop Dogg threw down energetic performances. The Grammy-nominated rapper was a headliner to close out the first weekend of the festival. Story, page 2.

Civilians avert tragedy

Local heroes credited with saving three along the Ottawa River

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Heroic actions by civilians are being credited for preventing several tragedies on the Ottawa River yesterday, including the rescue of a man who apparently leapt off the Alexandra Bridge.

A 23-year-old man reportedly jumped off the interprovincial bridge at 12:30 p.m. yesterday af-

ternoon and, despite a 15-metre drop, did not suffer any serious injuries upon striking the water. According to Ottawa paramedic team leader Paul Morneau, the captain of a passing motorboat pulled the man from the water almost immediately after impact.

A paramedic travelling with Ottawa police marine officers in the vicinity treated the man. The man was taken to the marina near Jacques Cartier Park in Gatineau and afterwards transported to the

Ottawa Hospital's Civic campus.

That was one of three water rescues along the Ottawa River yesterday, all within a span of hours.

Minutes later, shortly before 1 p.m., bystanders pulled a 45-year-old man from the Ottawa River after the current overwhelmed him as he was attempting to retrieve a child's toy near the Aboriginal Experiences pavilion.

Morneau said the man had ingested water and was unconscious. A number of paramedics in

the area responding to the incident at the Alexandra Bridge reached the scene quickly and revived the man. He was transported to the hospital, where he was in stable condition yesterday.

And in a third incident yesterday, a woman in a motorboat hauled a young man out of the water near Pinney's Point after he fell off his wakeboard and struck his head. The man was brought to Aylmer marina, where paramedics assumed his care.



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A 42-year-old Ottawa man faces charges in connection to the recent disappearance of manhole covers and sewer grates in the city. Tim Argiropoulos, 42, will appear in court next month in connection to the theft of 25 sewer grates in the Elmvale Acres area. **METRO OTTAWA**

Ottawa



Councillor floats drive-in theatre plan

A city councillor says a winter snow dump in Barrhaven could earn the municipality cash in the summer months, if it were converted to a drive-in theatre after the snow melts. Barrhaven councillor Jan Harder said she was surprised to learn the snow dump costs the city \$4 million annually but is only used half the year. A drive-in, she said, could accommodate up to 1,500 cars and earn off-season revenue for Ottawa. If approved, the drive-in theatre could be open by the summer of 2009.

Running on empty over high fuel prices

Many drivers feel few alternatives available to them

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Record-high gas prices are straining drivers' pocket-books, but people here say they'll continue to put the pedal to the metal.

"What can you do?" asked Ottawa resident Kelly Koonstra. "I might take the bus more, but you can't stop driving or living your life because of a couple of dollars' difference."

Prices averaged \$1.34-per-litre in downtown Ottawa and rose to a high of \$1.45 in Shawville yesterday, on a weekend when gas prices hit new heights

in the capital region. But everyday dependence on autos leave people few options, motorists said yesterday.

"I think it's absolutely ridiculous," said Ottawa's Valerie Bach, who purchased fuel at the Drummond's station on Bronson Avenue — where gas cost \$1.35 per litre — yesterday. "But I don't think there's anything we can do unless the government takes less tax."

Although she filled up at Drummond's yesterday, Carrie Miller said she plans to ride her bike more this week. She limits the use of her car to grocery runs and transporting her large dog.

"I don't think there's anything we can do unless the government takes less tax."

Valerie Bach

At the Shell station on Maloney Boulevard in Gatineau, gas cost \$1.43-per-litre. Motorist Deanne Desaulniers said she tries to limit unnecessary trips or take the bus.

Drummond's station attendant Sam Lam said customers are complaining to staff that prices are "high-way robbery."

A driver recently pumped and left without

paying, he said. "That's how high gas prices are. It's pushing people to do that."

But others say high prices can be handled with an attitude change.

"What people need to do is change their vehicle choices," said Mississauga's David Kwiatkowski, who filled up at the Petro-Canada at Bronson and Somerset yesterday.

To save money, Montreal resident Lina Dubuc tries to drive slower and groups her trips to visit family together, as well as planning vacations that are closer to home.

"And whenever I go downtown, I use the (subway) and the bus," she said.

TODAY'S debate

Metro Ottawa asked motorists: If gas prices break \$1.50 per litre this year, will you use your vehicle less, or perhaps even give it up for public transit?

DIANNE WALLACE
Toronto

I already use public transit. I personally don't mind prices going up. People already use their vehicles so much, and this will make us think twice before using our cars. It might reduce the gunk we put into the air.

MATTHEW YAKABUSKIE
Toronto

We live in Toronto right now, and we know it's expensive to come up here. It makes us think twice about coming here to see our parents. But when we're in Toronto, we use public transportation.

AHMAD MUBARAK
Ottawa

I already take the bus to work and use my car after work and on the weekend. I still pay \$30, \$32 a week. It's crazy. But you need a car no matter what.



Transit

Fare hike planned for Gatineau buses

PRICES Gatineau will hike its bus fares this year to cope with the rising cost of fuel, the city's transit commission has announced. Bus riders can expect a four per cent increase to fares starting in September, which will raise the cost of a monthly bus pass from \$71 to \$74. The cash fare for bus rides will jump to \$3.15 per ticket, from \$3 now. The transit commission made the decision to raise fares at a special meeting Friday. **METRO OTTAWA**

Fire

Gatineau police probing blaze

BUILDING Gatineau Police are investigating a fire that destroyed an abandoned building at 323 Main St., early yesterday morning. The blaze started around 5 a.m. and took firefighters over three hours to extinguish. No one was in the building at the time. Gatineau Police Lieut. Andre Dubois said the blaze is being investigated as arson.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Sand art no child's play

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He may be 32 years old, but Alexandre Girard still plays in the sand.

And he's pretty good at it, too.

Yesterday, crowds stood in awe as the Magog, Que. resident carved a depiction of a mythological musical duel between Apollo and Marsyas during the Wonders of Sand Festival, held at Lac-Bauchamp Park in Gatineau.

Before the professional sculptor started working with sand three years ago, he was a snow carver. Sand is far more difficult to work with, he said.

"Water is the only glue," said Girard, one of 15 professional sand artists working on site over the weekend.

An estimated 15,000 people were expected to attend the festival over five days. Festival organizers had 200 tonnes of sand trucked in for the event, said festival spokeswoman Marie-Claude Pichette.

"I think it's wonderful," said Ottawa resident Denis Tessier, who attended for the second year.

"These are just amaz-



Guy-Olivier De Veau, from Quebec City, puts the final touches on his interpretation of Le Château Runique during the Wonders of Sand Festival held in Gatineau on the weekend.

ing," agreed Jasmine Ross, who is visiting friends in the area. I tried making a sandcastle once when I

was little. I couldn't get the sand to stay together and it just didn't look like anything at the end."

Bluesfest's opening acts pulling them in

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It was the perfect weekend for a blues festival.

Clear, blue skies translated into huge crowds for the opening weekend of Ottawa Bluesfest, with early estimates pegging the crowds at an average of 25,000 people per night, according to festival communications director AJ Sauve.

"It's rough estimates right now, but it looks like we're matching the crowds we had last year, which was a record-setting year," said Sauve.

James Abraham, who has attended Bluesfest every night, said it's still a hassle at night when everyone is trying to leave at the same time.

But Feist, he said, was worth braving the crowds, and Anna Ladouceur, who was attending for her second night yesterday, agreed.

"She was so theatrical," she said.

"You couldn't really make out her words, but

"They should just call it Musicfest, because there is all kinds of different music played here."

Trina Martin

the show was really good."

It doesn't bother her that most of the big concerts aren't blues acts, she said. The variety of the shows make for a good festival.

Trina Martin and Jamie Desrochers came to Bluesfest to see Primus yesterday.

They found themselves waiting in line for nearly an hour for tickets.

"This sucks. I had no idea the line would be this long," said Desrochers.

The couple are not blues fans and, given the nature of the lineup, Martin suggested the festival should drop its blues roots and change the name to reflect the reality.

"They should just call it Musicfest, because there is all kinds of different music played here," she said.

City gets new coroner

The hiring of a new forensic pathologist at Ottawa Hospital's Forensic Pathology Unit means autopsies for homicide victims and other suspicious deaths must no longer be conducted in Toronto and Kingston. Doctor Jacqueline Parai will begin performing autopsies in Ottawa soon. **METRO OTTAWA**

Oil costs test Transitway

I wasn't going to talk about the fare hike. I didn't want to think about it. With oil at \$145 a barrel, a fare hike was inevitable. It's wretched, it's distressing, but it's the cost of having a diesel-dependent transit system.

Who could have foreseen 30 years ago that a bus rapid transit system would become a financial black hole, vulnerable to escalating fuel costs? It's not like there were any clues ...

Well, other than that pesky energy crisis.

In 1976, Ottawa, like the rest of North America, was sweating under an oil embargo when bus rapid transit (BRT) was first proposed for the city.

The idea had a lot of things going for it: Low capital cost, flexibility, and with a population of 500,000, the region was deemed too small for rail-based transit.

Sure, gas prices were soaring and pumps were running dry, but OPEC

couldn't stay mad forever.

The Transitway project was approved in 1981 for an estimated cost of \$97.5 million.

Fifteen years and \$440 million later, the Transitway was complete, every kilometre of it dependent on oil.

Hindsight is 20-20, which is a handy thing if you put it to use.

The current transit committee has announced an environmental assessment for a Transitway link running through Alta Vista.

Ward Coun. Peter Hume says the corridor isn't appropriate because the community is too small to handle buses.

Nevertheless, the EA study for the inappropriate link should be complete by the end of 2009 — just in time for oil to hit \$200 a barrel.

Is there any point when the city cannot afford to continue on the BRT path?

A more relevant EA study is underway for the downtown light rail-

OnTrack

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nel.

The city will use the study to bolster its

business case for funding of the new LRT system. The feds and the province have committed \$200 million each to the project, which is expected to be complete by 2031.

In the meantime, it's conceivable that the cost of fuelling up buses will outstrip the city's ability to pay before the shovels even break ground. If that

happens, how will we get around?

Come to think of it, maybe the city's transit planners of 1981 were visionaries after all!

The Transitway will make a world-class cycling route.

Nadine Doolittle is an award-winning writer and a public transit user for the past 35 years.

Motorcyclists not hurt in collision

CRASH Two motorcyclists escaped injury after running into the back of a car on a Queensway onramp yesterday morning. Ontario Provincial Police and paramedics attended the scene of a collision at the Vanier Parkway westbound Highway 417 onramp at 10:57 a.m. The motorcycles hit the car at a slow speed, said paramedic team leader Paul Morneau. There were no injuries. **METRO OTTAWA**

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A Capital Weekend

Music, theatre and more

Ottawa residents found plenty of ways to relax and enjoy the summer weekend



OTTAWA BLUESFEST Juno-award winning artist Feist closed out the Friday night acts at Ottawa BluesFest with a captivating performance in front of thousands of screaming fans, at the main stage at LeBreton Flats. Bluesfest continues through to July 13.



A COMPANY OF FOOL'S TORCHLIGHT SHAKESPEARE SERIES Romeo (Aron De Casmaker) draws his sword against Tybalt (Emmanuelle Zeesman) in a scene from Romeo & Juliet, held as part of A Company of Fools' Torchlight Shakespeare series in the Glebe's Central Park on Friday. In this scene, De Casmaker fights Zeesman, but in others he kisses her, since Zeesman also plays Juliet. The company offers summertime, outdoor productions of William Shakespeare's works in various city parks.



CHEO TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC Melanie Delorme and her baby, seven-month-old Hailee Delorme, reunite with their stuffed giraffe after its "operation" at the CHEO Teddy Bears' Picnic on Saturday. Events at the CHEO Foundation event included a B*A*S*H (Bear Ambulatory Surgical Hospital) Unit, where injured stuffed animals could be stitched back to good health.

ART IN THE GLEBE (ABOVE) Pat Marshall plays harp yesterday during an open house for her husband, Germain Vézina's, sculptures during the annual Art in the Glebe event. The couple opened their house and gardens to Ottawa residents.

WONDERS OF THE SAND (RIGHT) Martin Ernst, an artist and sculptor from Chaudière-Appalache, Que., crafts a mermaid during the Wonders of Sand Festival held on the weekend at Lac Beauchamp Beach. This festival attracts thousands of people.



PARKWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY OUTDOOR POOL Felipe Jimenez, 14, and his pal Sergio Gialdo, 17, found a great way to beat the heat on the weekend at the Parkwood Hills community outdoor pool, in the Nepean area. After recent wet and rainy days, sunshine and warmth returned to the capital on the weekend.

Common chemicals identified

Catecho, a chemical used to develop photos and as an oxidizing agent in hair dyes, has been listed by the government as one of eight dangerous common chemicals. **METRO**

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Canada

G8 battling to regain stature

Harper condemns Mugabe election



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is greeted by Japanese officials upon his arrival at New Chitose International Airport yesterday ahead of the G8 Summit.

Weakened by economic woes and enduring political divisions, leaders of the Group of Eight nations meeting here will be more hard-pressed than usual to live up to their avowed commitment to act in the global interest.

Early indications are that Canada, the United States and other G-8 countries are shying away from agreements on decisive action on some of today's most pressing problems — im-

"Their credibility is running low because under their tenure, not much has happened."

Mark Fried, Oxfam

proving health in developing nations, aid to Africa, the world food crisis and climate change.

"Their credibility is running low because under their tenure, not much has happened" to help devel-

oping countries, Mark Fried, advocacy co-ordinator for Oxfam Canada, says of current G-8 leaders.

The group, which also includes Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia, is opening a three-day summit on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. But Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already called on the G-8 to condemn Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's recent controversial election.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Green plan to be tough sell: Dion

ALBERTA Federal Liberal Leader Stephen Dion was at the University of Alberta yesterday to promote his controversial new carbon tax plan.



Dion told over 100 young people at the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition Conference that his plan to collect \$15.4 billion in new taxes from industries that produce high carbon emissions would be a tough sell in Alberta. Premier Ed Stelmach said Dion's plan would harm the province's growth.

METRO CANADA

Native schools strapped for cash: Superintendent

CALGARY Yvonne DePeel, a Calgary native school superintendent, says the federal government's recent residential schools apology is meaningless if the students today on Canada's native reserves can't get a decent education.

DePeel points to the Morley Community School

for native students west of Calgary that may be forced to hold classes outdoors next year because of a lack of space.

MP Charlie Angus, the NDP's native affairs critic, said there are 80 native schools across Canada in the same situation.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BULGARIA A Canadian businessman who was imprisoned in Bulgaria after being convicted of embezzlement returned home to Vancouver last night after spending 12 years in jail. Michael Kapoustin, 55,

was cleared of the former charge but was convicted of embezzling around \$4 million from 2,800 Bulgarian investors in his lifeChoice International fund and given a 17-year sentence.

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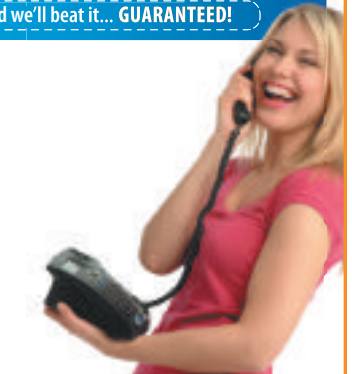
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The Czech Republic and the United States will sign a treaty tomorrow to build a missile defence radar on Czech soil despite opposition at home and in Russia. Washington is also planning to put 10 interceptor rockets in neighbouring Poland. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Hostages urged to keep up hope

BETANCOURT Freed hostage Ingrid Betancourt spoke yesterday through a radio broadcast to those still being held in the Colombian jungle by leftist guerrillas, urging them not to lose hope.

The Colombian army freed the Franco-Colombian politician Wednesday after more than six years in the hands of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). She arrived in France on Friday to a hero's welcome.

"I have spoken to French President Nicolas Sarkozy ... he committed himself publicly to continue the fight for all the hostages," Betancourt said on a Colombian radio station.

REUTERS

Parents appeal to son's killer

Suspect still loose after London murder

The parents of one of the two French students murdered in London a week ago in a frenzied knife attack appealed yesterday for the killer to come forward and said they would not rest until the guilty party was found.

Bio-engineering students Laurent Bonomo and Gabriel Perez, both 23, were bound, gagged and repeatedly stabbed in Bonomo's south London apartment in what police called the most

"frenzied, brutal and horrific" murders they had seen.

Bonomo was stabbed nearly 200 times, up to 80 times after he was dead, while Perez received nearly 50 knife wounds.

French newspapers said the shocking murders highlighted how dangerous the city had become after a spate of street teen stabbings this year that has prompted the mayor to make it a priority and police to expand a specialist knife crime squad.

"We plead with you to turn yourselves in to the police. You will not be able to live in hiding forever," Perez's parents Francoise and Olivier said in a statement. "You may be scared and feel like a coward, but you must recognize this terrible mistake you made. Rest assured

that we will not leave you in peace."

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Canadian imports of U.S. vehicles closing on record

AUTOMOTIVE The number of vehicles imported into Canada from the United States in 2008 is well on pace to break last year's record high, according to data compiled by the North American Automobile Trade Association.

Canadians imported 151,169 vehicles as of June 30, more than double the

by the numbers

Canadians imported 151,169 vehicles as of June 30, more than double the number a year earlier, and approaching the 189,738 vehicles imported throughout 2007.

Executive of Import Trader, a company that specializes in importing vehicles and heavy equipment from the United States, says once all the import fees have been taken into account, Canadians can expect to save, on average, between \$3,000 and \$4,000 on a vehicle selling for \$30,000 at a Canadian dealership.

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amount for the same period a year earlier, and fast approaching the 189,738 vehicles imported throughout 2007.

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A reveller is caught after leaping from the Plaza de la Navarrería fountain at the start of the San Fermin festival yesterday in Pamplona, Spain.

News in brief

HURRICANE Tropical Storm Bertha, moving briskly across open ocean waters, may strengthen into the first hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic storm season sometime during the next 48 hours, U.S. weather forecasters said yesterday.

FERTILITY Couples trying to have a baby when the man is

over 40 will have more difficulty conceiving than if he is younger, French researchers said yesterday.

IRAQ A car bomb killed six civilians and wounded 14 other people in the Shaab district of northern Baghdad yesterday, police said.

REUTERS

Starbucks' woes delight coffee fans

GLEE Financial woes at Starbucks, which is planning to close 600 underperforming U.S. stores, is evoking glee and little sympathy from aficionados who say they resent the coffee shop giant and favour independent cafes.

The schadenfreude of coffee drinkers drawing satisfaction from another's misfortune is part of the popular culture that enjoys the downfall of companies or celebrities, said Jim Carroll, a Canadian-based trends and innovation expert. Starbucks fell victim to a rapid change in attitude. **REUTERS**

News in brief

BCE TAKEOVER Announcing what it said were "essential milestones" allowing the world's largest leveraged buy-out to go ahead, BCE Inc. said on Friday that its buyers had finalized funding and were sticking to their \$34.8-billion purchase price. BCE said it expected its going-private deal to close by Dec. 11. **REUTERS**

CANADIAN ECONOMY Canadian business purchasing activity increased more than expected in June, to 69.6 from 62.5 in May, according to the Ivey Purchasing Managers Index released Friday, but the Ivey figures also signaled the Canadian jobs market may be weakening. The Ivey employment index dropped to 58.2 from 59.3 in the previous month. **REUTERS**

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Sports



Brewers may have Sabathia

The Milwaukee Brewers have reportedly acquired pitcher C.C. Sabathia from the Cleveland Indians last night for a package of prospects. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, the deal is contingent upon paperwork being finalized and medical reports being exchanged.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Atlanta 7 Houston 6 (17 ins)
Chicago Cubs 7 St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 6 Washington 5
Florida 10 Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers 5 San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 11 Pittsburgh 6
N.Y. Mets 4 Philadelphia 2 (12 ins)

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 12:40
Minnesota at Boston, 7:05
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05
Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:05
Florida at San Diego, 10:05
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

CFL

WEEK 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 38 Winnipeg 24
Saskatchewan 26 B.C. 16

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Hamilton 32 Toronto 13
Edmonton 34 Calgary 31

BASEBALL

CAN-AM LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE OTTAWA RAPIDS:

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Quebec 14 OTTAWA 1

TONIGHT'S GAME

OTTAWA at Quebec, 7:05

LOTTERIES

Friday, July 4, 2008

Lotto Super 7 7, 16, 32, 39, 41, 44 & 45, Bonus 28.
Ontario Pick-3 0 7 3
Pick-4 9 2 3 5
Encore 1405414
Daily Keno 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 42, 45, 46, 47, 55, 65, 66, 67.

Saturday, July 5, 2008

Lotto 6/49 2, 7, 8, 32, 43 & 49, Bonus 48.
Ontario 49 1, 5, 21, 22, 36 & 41, Bonus 3.
Lottario 8, 9, 12, 21, 32 & 42, Bonus 45.
Early Bird 16, 22, 28 & 36.
Ontario Pick-3 5 9 0
Pick-4 1 3 3 3
Encore 6011597
Daily Keno 2, 13, 17, 29, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 56, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65.

Sunday, July 6, 2008

Ontario Pick-3 4 2 4
Ontario Pick-4 1 3 8 8
Encore 3121464
Daily Keno 6, 7, 20, 26, 29, 35, 39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68.
Results not official



Nadal steals Federer's crown

Spaniard wins five-set epic to seal first Wimbledon championship

Rafael Nadal punched a mighty hole through Roger Federer's aura of invincibility yesterday to become the first Spaniard in more than four decades to win the Wimbledon men's singles crown.

In one of the most nerve-jangling finals seen at the All England Club, Nadal survived two rain breaks and an astonishing Federer comeback to end the Swiss' five-year reign as Wimbledon champion with a thrilling 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7 victory.

While Nadal emulated the 1966 feat of fellow Spaniard Manuel Santana, Federer's dreams of eclipsing Bjorn Borg and setting a modern-era record of six successive Wimbledon titles died after four hours 48 minutes of heart-stopping action.

Nadal's astounding journey to win his first crown at the grass court Grand Slam began under cloudy skies and finished in near darkness.

The 22-year-old collapsed on to his back the moment



Rafael Nadal of Spain playfully takes a bite out of his trophy yesterday after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7 in the Wimbledon men's final.

Federer buried a forehead into the net on Nadal's fourth match point.

Dragging himself up from the turf, a tearful Nadal clambered through the stands to embrace his family and friends, who draped the red and yellow

Spanish flag over his shoulders.

In a Wimbledon first, the Majorcan then strode across the commentary boxes on Centre Court to shake hands with Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Spain in the Royal Box

and went on to exchange high-fives with numerous fans in the stands.

"It's impossible to explain what I felt in that moment ... winning my favourite tournament, it's a dream," Nadal told the crowd after becoming the

5 Number of career Grand Slam titles won by Spain's Rafael Nadal
(French Open 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; Wimbledon 2008)

first man since Borg in 1980 to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double in the same year.

Four weeks after humiliating Federer in the French Open final, Nadal demonstrated that the balance of power in men's tennis had shifted in his favour when he handed the Swiss his first grass-court defeat in six years.

On Saturday, Venus Williams survived a fierce onslaught from her sister Serena Williams to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The sisters then defeated Samantha Stosur and Lisa Raymond to claim the women's double title.

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Jonas Bjorkman and Kevin Ullyett 7-6 6-7 6-3 6-3 to win the men's doubles title, helping Nestor complete a career Grand Slam.

REUTERS

News in brief

NHL The San Jose Sharks acquired defencemen Dan Boyle and Brad Lukowich from the Tampa Bay Lightning in exchange for defencemen Matt Carle and Ty Wishart. The Sharks also gave up a first-round pick in 2009 and a fourth-round selection in 2010.

GOLF American Anthony Kim

claimed his second victory of the year by shooting a flawless five-under-par 65 to win the AT&T National in Maryland.

MOTORSPORTS McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won a wet and chaotic British Grand Prix yesterday to storm back to the top of the Formula One standings.

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Health Olympic athletes exposed to Beijing's polluted air face possible blood circulation problems which could affect their performance, experts say, adding they should avoid crowded places whenever possible. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

Christopher books ticket to Beijing

ATHLETICS Tyler Christopher roared to victory in the 400-metre final at the Canadian track and field championships on Saturday in Windsor, Ont., setting an event record of 45.03 seconds and booking his ticket to the Beijing Games.

Priscilla Lopes-Schliep won the women's 100 hurdles final in 12.78 seconds, beating Angela Whyte who recorded a season-best 12.96.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gay will miss out on 200M in Beijing

ATHLETICS World champion Tyson Gay's dream of Olympic double gold ended in pain when he crashed out of the U.S. 200 metres quarter-finals on Saturday. Already qualified for Beijing in the 100 metres, Gay had run about 40 metres of the 200 metres when he grabbed at his left hamstring and tumbled to track with a severe cramp.

The injury was a major blow to the U.S. hopes in Beijing since under the strict qualifying procedure of the trials only the top three finishers make the Olympic team regardless of circumstances. **REUTERS**

Phelps takes aim at 8 gold medals

SWIMMING Michael Phelps closed out the U.S. Olympic trials with a commanding win in the 100 metres butterfly on Saturday, adding a final flourish to his packed Beijing program.

After seven days, 15 swims and two world records, Phelps has crafted an Olympic schedule that will include eight events, providing the 23-year-old with enough ammunition to attack Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at a single Summer Games. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

LIFE'S A BEACH. Beach volleyball player Dana Cooke and partner Annie Martin have spent the past month in Europe going from tournament to tournament in an effort to secure a spot in Beijing. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

31 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

'I am living my dream'

Paralympic athlete Connor, 31, sets sights on gold medal in Beijing

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Canada

Fate had seemingly made a wretched decision, but Calgarian paralympic athlete Earle Connor stood up and ran in the other direction — literally — with just one foot.

When he was three months old, Connor's parents had to make a tough decision: Subject their child to surgery every time he grew, or amputate his left leg. Born with a congenital condition that left his leg without a fibula, his parents decided to amputate his leg. The alternative, says the now 31-year-old, would have been very limiting, and would have confined him to a wheelchair. Instead, he took up sports.

"Beyond being an amputee, it was a way to express myself as a child," he said, describing himself as an eternal optimistic with a "huge slice of competitive."

Now the undefeated champion in the 100-metre dash, Connor will compete for Canada at the Beijing Paralympics.

It has been a long road to China for Connor, filled with tough lessons learned as a young athlete.

Another setback had Connor debating the end of his sporting career. In 2004 he failed a drug test because of personal, yet legal, medications he says that as a young man he was too embarrassed to admit he was taking.

"My own downfall is what I created," he said. Due to cancer concerns, a testicle had been removed and the testosterone patch he had been wearing to balance his hormones tipped his levels on the day of one test, weeks before he was to compete.

"I learned a very valuable lesson about taking ownership for who you are," Connor said.

He continues to challenge himself to be healthy and happy, remembering to have

fun, and keeping balance in his life.

"If you don't have balance, you're really out of whack," he said.

After a two-year hiatus, the athlete, who proudly holds his undefeated streak since 1997, has three main goals.

"First and foremost is to win a gold medal in Beijing," he said, adding that's like "the A-plus on the term paper." He'd also like to beat his own world record of 12.14 seconds and run the race in under 12, which he said is an exhilarating accomplishment.

The last goal looks away from the track.

"(I'd like to) transcend into real life," said the newly married Connor, adding he's excited about the prospect of improving lives by working in the prosthetic industry.

But for now, "I really am totally living my dream," he said.

Paralympic facts

- The Paralympics will be held Sept. 7-17, with the opening ceremony set for Sept. 6. The slogan is "One World, One Dream."
- The first Winter Paralympics were held in Sweden in 1976.
- "Paralympics" comes from the Greek "para," meaning "alongside," and therefore refers to a competition held parallel to the Olympics.
- In 2004, Athens saw 3,806 Paralympic athletes. More than 4,000 are expected to attend this year in Beijing.
- The Summer Games in Beijing will have 20 sports competitions — the highest number in Paralympic history.
- Amputees are not necessarily limited to competing against other amputees, and their abilities will be evaluated by an international panel alongside other Paralympians prior to the Games.

by the numbers



Earle Connor in action at the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000.

25-30 Number of hours Earle Connor trains every week.

1999 Year Connor moved to Calgary. He's originally from rural Saskatchewan.

100-metre dash is his specialty.

Canadian paralympic athlete Earle Connor is gearing up for the Games in Beijing.

Niagara College goes Hollywood

Niagara College recently ran a full-page, full-colour newspaper ad that parodies a Hollywood movie poster, complete with review comments like "Over 40,000 successful grads and counting ... there's no stopping them!! ... Rated Number 1 in student satisfaction!" METRO

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Workology

'UN-scholarship'

Firkin Group of Pubs, a Canadian neighbourhood pub chain, has launched an online contest to help Ontario PSE students or recent graduates eliminate their loan debt. The company will award five \$5,000 "Un-Scholarships" to deserving applicants. METRO

School gets a gaming edge

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Can blasting aliens and racing to the checkered flag help kids learn? You bet, says a university professor who studies how video games aid learning.

David Hutchison, a professor of social studies and computers at Brock University and author of *Playing To Learn: Video Games In The Classroom*, says many games have great teaching potential in mathematics, problem solving, decision making, geographical awareness and even artistic creativity.

"People might be surprised by the number of connections to different subject areas you can make with video games," Hutchison said.

With recent estimates released by the Entertainment Software Association of Canada showing a staggering 88 per cent of children aged 6-17 play games regularly, Hutchison says teachers should tap into kids' love for games as a way to get them hooked on learning.

"Teachers are always looking for a hook for their lessons and video games are a great example of that," he said.

Some examples of lesson

ideas involving games include having math students calculate and analyze the statistics from a racing game like *Forza Motorsport 2*, making kids dramatize their favourite scene from a particular game or turning the music down and letting students compose their own sounds to go along with the game.

When kids get involved in the process of critiquing and deconstructing the games they play, Hutchison believes they learn valuable critical-thinking skills.

"I'm talking about moving students from just being consumers of video games to becoming critics and creators of video games," Hutchison said.

While pilot training such as that employed by NASA has included games and simulations for years, gaming in general has not been seen as an educational tool in most of North America. Contrary to the stereotype that most games are violent or vapid — a complaint nevertheless bolstered by the booming popularity of violent titles such as the *Grand Theft Auto* series — more than 70 per cent of the games rated yearly by the Entertainment Software Rating Board are fit for children.

"The vast majority of video games released are

RAFAEL BRUSILOV FOR METRO CANADA



"I see a lot of educational potential in video games."

Prof. David Hutchison

Prof. David Hutchison has a hold of Xbox 360 controllers with the game *Viva Pinata* playing in the background. There are many ways for kids to learn through video games, he says.

appropriate for kids to play," Hutchison said.

Hutchison spent two years writing the book and says the reaction from teachers and parents has been overwhelmingly positive.

Hutchison says parents should spend some time playing games with their kids to help them understand what they're playing and even try out a few educational activities involving their child's favourite game.

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The University of Northern British Columbia surpassed the \$100-million mark in research funding after accruing nearly \$17.5 million in the 2007-08 fiscal year. The total is second to the school's record set in 2005-06, which saw a contribution of almost \$19 million. **METRO**

Finicky financing for filmmakers

Seminar to boost movie-backing opportunities

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Canada is full of creativity and talent but its filmmakers can be lazy when it comes to securing money, says one Hollywood producer.

Hollywood veteran Larry Meistrich, best known as the executive producer of *Sling Blade*, said Canadian filmmakers need to get a better grip on financial matters to forge successful careers in the movie industry.

"There's a really good creativity that comes out of Canada, but I think there's a laziness because

it seems like there's also very little drive to get the investors and get the equity," he said, suggesting that government grants and film funds tend to pamper Canadian filmmakers.

Yet, Meistrich insists that real funding can be found in Canada for filmmakers willing to work hard and offer investors good incentives to dole it out.

Working with *Sex And The City* producer Antonia Ellis, Meistrich helped produce a series of filmmakers' Boot Camp seminars across Canada, which let aspiring producers, directors, actors and writers from across the country

successful

The three-day camps have been popular in the U.S. and are run in Canada by Meistrich's own company, NEHST Studios, having already run in Ottawa and Toronto with plans to go to Vancouver and other Canadian cities.

get professional advice directly from Meistrich and Ellis.

The first piece of financial advice offered by Meistrich? Don't think your investors are stupid. Rather than asking wary investors to pony up huge sums of cash with little to

no guarantee of ever seeing it again, Meistrich suggests offering something worth investing in — yourself. Have a second or third movie idea already in the works before starting on the first one and offer investors chunks of your future earnings, perhaps as much as 5 per cent or more, rather than trying to peddle a dubious slice of unlikely profits from your first project.

"You should ask people not to gamble. Make people invest in you," Meistrich said.

Of course, Meistrich admits many first-time producers are loath to sell off a chunk of their financial futures so early, but he in-



Larry Meistrich speaks to aspiring Canadian filmmakers and content creators.

sists people who truly want to be in the industry have to think of the long term and understand where investors are coming from.

"Don't be greedy. Your investors should make

more than you because they took the risks. If you sit in front of an investor with that attitude, they're going to appreciate it because they'll see you understand the money situation," Meistrich said.

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Workplace weight loss works out

STUDY People who take part in weight-loss programs set up by their employers manage to lose at least modest amounts of weight compared to co-workers who do not take part, U.S. researchers said recently. But their review of 11

studies published from 1995 to 2006 of such workplace programs in the United States, Britain, Japan, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia did not show whether those employees who lost weight managed to keep it off.

Obesity has been on the rise in the United States and many other countries in recent decades, alongside related illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Some companies have sponsored programs of various kinds aimed at helping employees lose weight and stay fit.

Dr. Michael Benedict of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, who led the new research, said relatively few studies have assessed how well these programs work.

Benedict said existing research also does not show whether sponsoring such a

"(Workplace weight loss) programs are helpful for at least short-term."

Dr. Michael Benedict

program saves a company money through greater worker productivity, lower absenteeism and reduced health-care costs.

"The programs are helpful for at least short-term, modest weight loss in people who actually participate in them," Benedict said in a telephone interview.

"Part of the problem is getting the people who need it the most to participate in them. A lot of times, health programs really just recruit people who already are doing the right thing," added Benedict, whose findings were published in the *American Journal of Health Promo-*

tion. The programs assessed in the 11 studies lasted from two to 18 months and typically involved education and counselling efforts promoting a more healthful diet and regular exercise.

In the studies that compared employees who took part in the programs to co-workers who did not, those in the programs lost weight averaging in a range from 2.2 pounds (1 kg) to 14 pounds (6.4 kg), the researchers said.

In comparison, co-workers with similar characteristics who did not take part in the programs had a weight change ranging on average from a loss of 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg) to a gain of 1.1 pounds (0.5 kg), the researchers found. Programs that incorporated face-to-face contact more than once a month seemed to work better than the others, Benedict said. **REUTERS**

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Entertainment

Mamma Mia

Abba member Agnetha Faltskog, left, waves from a balcony after appearing with the cast and other Abba members during the movie premier of the musical Mamma Mia in Stockholm over the weekend.

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Escovedo lets loose on Animal

Rocker reflects on personal, public past

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It was January 1978 in San Francisco. Sid Vicious was hopped up on heroin, the Sex Pistols were at popularly unending odds and Johnny Rotten delivered the now infamous punk passage, "Ever get the feeling you've been cheated? Good night."

The scene may have depicted the end of England's punk rock pioneers but it was just the beginning for then unknown Alejandro Escovedo. He played guitar and co-wrote songs for The Nuns, the band that opened at the Pistol's historic final show.

Nowadays, he is more likely to open for the Dave Matthews Band.

"It's a vast chasm of difference," chuckles now solo Escovedo. "It's a grand canyon of difference."

But that was over thirty years ago and Escovedo says, today, he can objectively acknowledge the spectacle he was a part of. "It was eye opening and at the same time kind of heart breaking for me. It wasn't a musical venture at that point. It was more about the spectacle of seeing people ... kind of destroy themselves."

Escovedo remarks on this and other defining aspects of his musical life on the heavily autobiographical Real Animal, his tenth full-length album, which will be available in stores across Canada tomorrow. On the record, he says he reached back to childhood, singing about his musically formative journey starting in his native San Antonio.

"My parents told us we were going on a vacation to California and we never returned to Texas. That's where I learned about the music I ended up loving so much — the English rock and garage rock of the late

50s and 60s."

He says songs like Swallows of San Juan talk about where he grew up. "The rolling around in the mud and the clay is like this primitive nest egg of falling in love with this music and wanting to get back to the source of the music that changed my life."

His life changing

"Without music I don't know where I'd be. It hasn't been easy, but it's been a beautiful and joyous ride."

Alejandro Escovedo

events have covered a grand span. At 57, Escovedo has a plethora of personal and public adventures about which he speaks candidly on the album. His experiences are what characterize his music and performance, from a near-fatal bout with Hepatitis C to appearing, to his discontent, on U.S. President George W. Bush's iPod playlist (he says he'd rather opt for Obama's).

Escovedo says it's music that has taken him to all these places, people and situations. "Without music, I don't know where I would be. It hasn't been easy but it's been a beautiful and joyous ride."

Alejandro Escovedo's new album, Real Animal, is in stores tomorrow

Will Smith rules box office with Hancock

Will Smith, the closest thing to a sure bet in Hollywood, flew to the top of the worldwide box office with his critically mauled superhero saga Hancock, distributor Columbia Pictures said Sunday.

The comedy-drama, in which Smith plays a drunken crime-fighter with an image problem, sold an estimated \$185 million US worth of tickets, the Sony Corp-owned studio said.

Moviegoers in the United States and Canada contributed \$107.3 million in the six days since the film opened Tuesday evening, and the film racked up an additional \$78 million in 50 territories. Columbia said the film opened at No. 1 in 47 of those 50 markets, including Britain, Germany, Australia, Brazil and South Korea.

The North American tally includes sales of \$66 million for the Independence Day holiday weekend, beginning Friday. Hancock ranks as Smith's eighth-consecutive chart-topper, and his 12th overall, Columbia said.

"Audiences love Will

weekend box office



Hancock is the No. 1 film at the North American box office.

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning July 4:

1. **Hancock**, \$66 million US
2. **WALL-E**, \$33.4 million
3. **Wanted**, \$20.6 million
4. **Get Smart**, \$11.1 million
5. **Kung Fu Panda**, \$7.5 million
6. **The Incredible Hulk**, \$5 million
7. **Indiana Jones And The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**, \$3.9 million
8. **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl**, \$3.6 million
9. **Sex And The City**, \$2.3 million
10. **You Don't Mess With the Zohan**, \$2 million

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he plays," said Rory Bruer, Columbia's president of domestic theatrical distribution. "People want to share in the things he's doing."

REUTERS

Jay-Z gets festival boost

Glastonbury gig helps lift album sales

Jay-Z's appearance at Britain's Glastonbury Festival may have upset some rock purists, but it was music to the ears of his bank manager.

Sales of the rapper's last album rocketed nearly five-fold in the days after his headline performance at Worthy Farm in Somerset, according to HMV figures released on Friday.

HMV spokesman Gen-

The choice of Jay-Z may have been a controversial one ... but it seems that the fans who were there or watched his performance on TV loved it."

HMV spokesman Gennaro Castaldo

naro Castaldo said five of Jay-Z's old singles, including Big Pimpin', 99 Problems and Hard Knock Life, are expected to re-enter the British charts this Sunday.

The Black Album, released by the New Yorker in 2003, saw a 480 per cent increase in sales.

"The choice of Jay-Z may have been a controversial one ... but it seems that the

fans who were there or watched his performance on TV loved it," Castaldo said.

There was even some good news for Oasis' Noel Gallagher, who attacked the organizers for choosing Jay-Z as a headline act. His song "Wonderwall" enjoyed an 18 percent sales rise after Jay-Z teasingly included it in his festival performance.



Jay-Z performs at Glastonbury.

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Pregnant actress **Minnie Driver**, left, plans to stay in the United States after she has given birth — despite previously saying she would raise her firstborn in the U.K. **IMDB.COM**

Paris shows generosity

KIDS' HOSPITAL It looks like Paris Hilton is keeping the promise she made to become a better person since being released from prison. The hotel heiress made an unspecified "extremely generous" donation to the Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases, which is currently being built at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "The children I have met through my involvement with Children's Hospital have truly touched my heart," Paris said.

INTOUCHWEEKLY

Gillian Anderson 'good kisser'

LOCKING LIPS Gillian Anderson is a good kisser, says David Duchovny. The actor, who played Fox Mulder opposite Anderson's Dana Scully in the TV show *The X-Files* and reprises his role in the new movie *The X-Files: I Want To Believe*, says locking lips with the actress was memorable. "Is Gillian a good kisser? Yes, she is. And we've kissed before over the years ... and it's not been a chore at all."

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Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban are expecting their child any day.

Delivery-room gift

Urban to give Kidman ring

With Nicole Kidman due to give birth any time now, Keith Urban has purchased a surprise present to give to his wife in the delivery room — a \$73,000 Cartier Trinity ring. "It's three rings intertwined, so it's very symbolic," the insider says of the popular design, which is set with multi-coloured pavé diamonds and is meant to represent the three stages of a relationship: Yellow gold for

friendship, rose gold for love and white gold for fidelity. "It's three turned in to one and that's how it will be with Keith, Nicole and the new baby," notes the insider. Cameron Diaz owns the same ring, as does Katie Holmes, who received hers for Mother's Day. The Trinity ring was created by Cartier in 1924 and is still one of its most recognized designs today.

INTOUCHWEEKLY

Paint demystified

A Colin and Justin two-part back-to-basics guide. This week PAINT, next week PAPER!

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Blimey. How paint has changed. Past tense? Matte, satin or gloss. Present tense? Well, for fear of sending you to sleep, we'll dodge the chemical composition science lesson and veer instead toward basic description.

The basics

Undercoat — whether painting wood, drywall, metal or brick there's an undercoat product to suit it. We know it's tempting to cut corners, but unless the paint you're using is specially designed as an "all in one" (no primer required) then cheating will create poor results. Prepped surfaces last longer.

Latex — the optimum product for wall coverage. Available in every conceivable colour, this water-based medium will wash out easily from brushes and rollers.

Oil based — these products are, as their name suggests, oil based and, as far

as we're concerned (with latex paint now so improved) there's little need for them in this day and age. They also tend to be more pungent and you'll need special paint thinner and brush cleaners to tidy up after each job.

Spray paints — available in a range of off-the-shelf colours. They are relatively easy to use and, as long as surfaces are smooth and clean, they can achieve a smoother finish than brush applied paint.

Paint finishes

Flat — a perfect no-sheen finish (most commonly associated with latex) that is great on walls. A particular bonus is that this paint will help disguise surface imperfections.

Eggshell — particularly good where high traffic is expected as it's easier to

wipe clean. This paint has a discernable sheen but still provides a relatively flat finish.

Satin — great for bathrooms, kitchens and kids' rooms due to its wipe-clean nature.

Gloss — need we say more? A dated finish that we tend to avoid. Period.

Our Top Tips

- Preparation is key; sand, sand and sand again.
- Limit shiny finishes as reflected light will exacerbate any problems. Opt for matte or flat finish if trying to disguise bumpy areas.
- Don't be shy to ask a million and one questions in-store before investing in your paint. The staff, after all, are trained to assist!
- Invest in good quality brushes. If you buy cheap, you'll buy twice. And bristle loss will drive you to distraction! Several light even coats (with adequate drying time between each) are always better than one sticky heavy coat.
- When painting timber, let your brush follow the grain of the wood to achieve best results.

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Canadian acting legend Raymond Burr, right, will be honoured in the form of a new Canadian postage stamp.



South Park strikes again

WHY SOUTH PARK IS

ESSENTIAL, #57: Trey Parker and Matt Stone effectively had the last word on the Hollywood writers' strike earlier this year with Canada On Strike, the South Park episode that earned bonus points for being the latest totally gratuitous shot at this country by the Comedy Central show.

Where we once had to turn to old newsreels and clips of broadcast news shows to evoke and sum up an event in history (FDR declaring war on Japan, Walter Cronkite taking off his glasses after announcing the death of JFK), Canada On Strike will suffice to sum up precisely why the Writers Guild of America strike was an almost completely counterproductive exercise in poor bargaining with scant leverage. I can't wait to see what they'll do if the Screen Actors Guild goes on strike. On a more esoteric note, the next episode in the show's



12th season was a parody of Heavy Metal, the 1981 animated feature that still gives off a pungent aroma of bongwater and mildewed rec room for anyone who made the mortal mistake of being "there" when it was released, or during the long dark period when you could rely on finding

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a VHS copy of the film in any video rental store in the world. (Divining a unifying theme, Heavy Metal was voiced almost entirely by Canadians, including half the cast of SCTV.)

In a series of mini-production featurettes on the South Park Studios web site, Parker, Stone and their animators go behind the scenes to describe how hard they worked to approximate the craptacular animation style of Major Boobage, their loving tribute to Heavy Metal.

They'll probably end up on the 12th season box set of the show, alongside the predictably risible "bonus features" Stone and Parker include with their DVD sets, so you'd might as well get your DVD burner fired up now.

HURLING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, ONE WEBSITE AT A TIME: In further writers' strike fallout, a website was launched last week to showcase the work of writers affected by the WGA strike, with the solemn promise that whatever profits they realize — we're talking about the internet here, people — will go to the

Actors Fund, which was set up to compensate crew members unemployed by the strike.

Strike.tv was launched on the 4th of July with a teaser trailer promising work by writers from a dizzying array of shows, peppered by appearances by actual name actors — I was able to spot Kelly from The Office, two former James Bonds and Bob Newhart.

Precisely how Strike.tv intends to make money remains to be seen — will they be selling ads, or will the site take a cut of the money if one of the shows gets bought or optioned for movies or TV?

In any case, it seems a classic example of Hollywood backing into the future once again — possibly stumbling into the new business model it sorely needs without any idea of how exactly it got there.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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IN THEATRES JULY 11TH

Man behind Bozo the Clown passes away

TELEVISION Larry Harmon, the alter ego behind Bozo the Clown for more than 50 years, died on Thursday of congestive heart failure at age 83, his spokesman said. Harmon, a native of Ohio, died at his home in Los Angeles, his spokesman, Jerry Digney said. Harmon was not the original Bozo, but he portrayed the flame-haired clown in numerous appearances over the years. More importantly, he purchased the copyright and trademark to the clown in the 1950s, and as a result was responsible for keeping Bozo working in the entertainment industry for more than half a century.

Over the years, Harmon trained some 200 actors to portray the clown for various local TV stations and other programs franchised around the country.

Willard Scott, who went on to appear as the weatherman on NBC's weekday morning program Today, was one of those recruited by Harmon. For a time, Harmon also ran a large animation studio in Hollywood, producing cartoons based on comedians Laurel and Hardy, as well as the characters Popeye and Mr. Magoo. He is survived by his wife, son and four daughters.

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critics'corner

Ultimate Avengers: The Movie

Marvel superheroes come together in this 2006 video offering. Lost during the Second World War, Captain America is returned to life and hero status in the present day. His job is to lead others in a battle to save the world. Additional familiar characters include ale-swilling Thor, scientist Bruce Banner, leader Nick Fury and bersolider Black Widow. How can you not get excited over that? 10 PM on 48 TEL



The Bachelorette

Eat your heart out, Brad. Told "thanks, but no thanks" in an 11th-hour surprise by Brad Womack on "The Bachelor." DeAnna Pappas got to call the shots on this season of its sister series, enjoying the attentions of an assortment of suitors. In the two-hour season finale, she reveals which of the remaining gentlemen she's chosen. Chris Harrison hosts. 8 PM on 20 ABC 15 CITY

Transformers star Megan Fox has reportedly called off her engagement to actor fiancé Brian Austin Green. Sources claim the pretty brunette, 22, sent business associates correspondence last week alerting them to the sad news. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna and Ritchie have dinner date

MARRIAGE Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie have put on a show of unity with a rare public appearance together in New York, *imdb.com* reports.

The couple enjoyed a romantic meal at an Italian restaurant — just hours after Madonna's publicist Liz Rosenberg issued a statement denying the pair is set to divorce.

Madonna and Ritchie were snapped heading into an exclusive

restaurant hand in hand on Tuesday evening. A source tells *People.com*, "(They looked) like a normal couple that just wanted to have a nice dinner out."

"They looked very unassuming, not like they were looking for attention." Another onlooker tells the website, "Everyone was whispering and saying, 'Wow, that was Madonna. She is supposed to be separating from her husband. I can't believe she is here.'"

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Klum snubs plastic surgery

STATEMENT Heidi Klum would rather look like a "dinosaur" than have plastic surgery, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 34-year-old model and TV presenter — who is married to British singer Seal — would never resort to going under the knife to maintain her looks.

She said: "I see that I've aged already. When I look at pictures now and when I see old pictures of me, of course I see I have aged. I don't think I would have plastic surgery."

"I'll be the only dinosaur in town, the only one that can actually move her forehead!"

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celebrity brief

Married life with Mariah 'amazing'

MARRIAGE Rapper/actor Nick Cannon has laughed off rumours his marriage to Mariah Carey is on the rocks, insisting they couldn't be happier, *imdb.com* reports.

He tells *People.com*, "Marriage is amazing. It's the best thing that ever happened to me."

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Diaz's boyfriend moving in?

ROMANCE Although Cameron Diaz has only been dating model Paul Sculfor for a month, he's already staying with her, *In Touch Weekly* reports. "Cameron and Paul have been spending every night together," an insider tells the magazine, noting that Paul's main residence is in his native England. "He doesn't have a house in L.A. and Cameron doesn't mind him staying with her."

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celebrity brief

Kate, Lance go out with mom

COUPLE Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong have been spotted enjoying a meal with the actress' mum Goldie Hawn, further fuelling rumours they are an item, *imdb.com* reports.

The alleged couple was seen eating a late lunch with Hudson's Hollywood veteran mother Hawn at the Ivy restaurant in Santa Monica, California on Tuesday. They were snapped laughing and joking as they dined outside on the restaurant's patio area, according to *People.com*.

Hudson

and Armstrong have been romantically linked since they were spotted kissing and cuddling during a party at the Cannes International Film Festival in France in May. But they have refused to speak publicly about their romance.

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Law linked to young model

ROMANCE Actor Jude Law is reportedly romancing British model Lily Cole — who is 15 years his junior, *imdb.com* reports.

The *Alfie* star, 35, has previously been romantically linked to rocker Rod Stewart's daughter Kimberly, but has been spotted with red-haired catwalk beauty Cole in recent weeks.

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Actor denying affair with Sienna

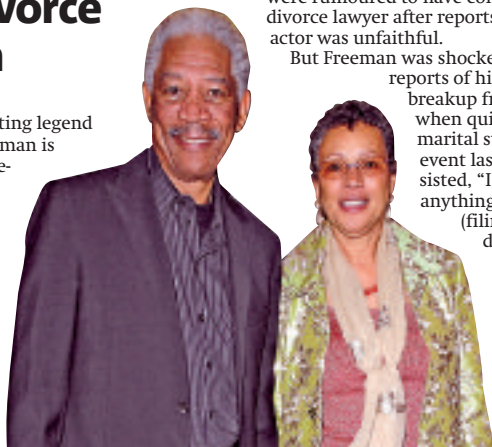
PEOPLE The married man accused of having an affair with Sienna Miller has denied reports he is romantically involved with the British actress who recently split from her fiancé, *imdb.com* reports.

Balthazar Getty, who is married with four children, has refuted allegations he is involved with Miller, saying, "It's not true. No truth to any of that."

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Morgan puzzled by divorce claim

MARRIAGE Acting legend Morgan Freeman is puzzled by reports he's splitting from his wife of 24 years, after denying allegations of their alleged impending divorce, *imdb.com* reports.



Freeman, 71, and his wife Myrna — who share a home in rural Mississippi — were rumoured to have consulted a divorce lawyer after reports alleged the actor was unfaithful.

But Freeman was shocked to hear reports of his rumoured breakup from his wife when quizzed about his marital status at an event last week. He insisted, "I don't know anything about that (filing for divorce)."

A spokesperson for the *Wanted* star added: "We officially have no comment."

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Ben, Jen celebrate three-year marriage

ANNIVERSARY Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner celebrated their three-year wedding anniversary — by sitting down to dinner with actor Matt Damon and his wife, *imdb.com* reports.

The *Daredevil* stars were accompanied by Affleck's childhood pal Damon and his heavily pregnant wife, Luciana Barroso, for a two-hour dinner

on the patio of Nobu in Malibu, Calif. on Saturday night.

According to *People.com*, they ate cooked fish and sushi rolls — and toasted the couple's anniversary, which was yesterday, during dessert. A source says, "Ben and Matt were entertaining the girls with stories, and they were all laughing a lot."

"Jen and Ben were in a great mood, and they left Nobu hand in hand."

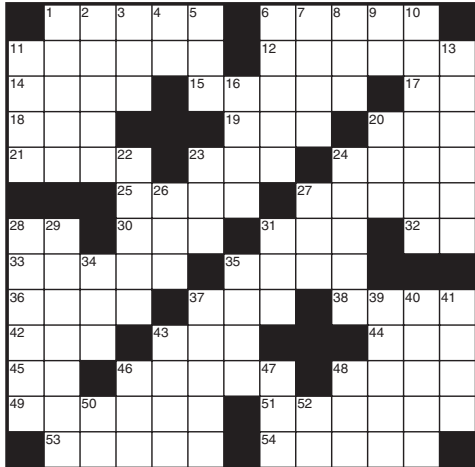
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Jackass star Steve-o has been transferred from a rehabilitation centre into a psychiatric hospital.

The troubled stuntman — real name Stephen Glover — had enrolled in a narcotics program to treat his drug addictions, but after allegedly getting clean, he has been moved to the secure mental ward at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Hospital. **IMDB.COM**

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Cooks in oil
6 Less civil
11 Chocolate dessert
12 Habituated
14 Prima donna's tune
15 Where's —?
17 Green-toned sloth
18 Late evening
19 "Alice" waitress
20 Dogma
21 Latin I verb
23 Is in possession of
24 Electron's hangout
25 Love god
27 Jet
28 Pleased sigh
30 Old pro
31 Skim milk's lack

32 Nebr. neighbor
33 Typed in
35 Fast-food drink
36 Spring bloom
37 Crowd
38 Deep red
42 Clean the floor
43 Pasture sound
44 Potpie veggie
45 Two, in combos
46 Makes void
48 Glance furtively
49 Beyond ordinary knowledge
51 FBI members
53 Decaf brand
54 Bodies of water

Crossword down

1 Links warnings
2 Ghost towns
3 My mind — blank
4 Einsteinium symbol
5 Use a Singer
6 Valleys on the Moon
7 Disentangle
8 Laurel and Hardy
9 Speaker's pause
10 Thinks in a logical manner
11 Jane, to Tarzan
13 Lowered the lights
16 Nowhere near
20 Give — try
22 Where icicles hang
23 Carrying current
24 Wedding site

26 Avg. size
27 Chum
28 With hands on hips
29 Brave deeds
31 Watch chain
34 Puppy noise
35 Glowing ember
37 Island nation
39 Overturn
40 Purple vegetables
41 Ties up the phone
43 Magnitude
46 Sister
47 Syrup base
48 Ink's partner
50 West Coast st.
52 Depart

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This day in history

JULY 7, 1930: Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser begins construction of the Boulder Dam (now known as Hoover Dam).

JULY 7, 1978: The Solomon Islands become independent from the United Kingdom.

JULY 7, 2002: A scandal broke in the U.K. when reports alleged MI6 was sheltering Abu Qatada, the supposed European Al Qaeda leader.

JULY 7, 2007: Worldwide performances by charity event Live Earth.

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

When you're given inspiration — grab it. Broken glass will be hazardous. Happiness is knowing when to stop doing something.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Don't try to clear the air if there's a resistance to truth. It's a super day for a romantic fantasy. Figures lie and liars figure.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A tolerant person will agree to make changes. Upsetting notes will be intercepted. Procedures have priority over relationships.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Be cautious while traveling. A friend shows a remarkable lack of concern. If your energy level flags, ask for help.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

An opinionated person changes your mind. A friendship may be damaged by amusement. Don't borrow from someone you don't like.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Don't make light of a serious problem. Damage becomes the topic of a discussion. Fear will interfere with getting support.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A baby will be a conversation piece. Avoid answering a skill-testing question. You'll perform random acts of kindness.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A conversation will be seductive. Write about one of your haunting experiences. A tyrant is on the endangered list.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll conduct yourself with dignity. A meeting alters your perspective. Co-workers will complain about faulty management.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Love letters will get lost. News from distance is baffling. Your feelings are a bit too obvious today.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

No time is found for the impractical. Take control of your destiny. A companion will have a replacement for you.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A sweet youngster plays it as it comes. Don't take someone's bad manners personally. You'll finally be able to move on.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

5	6	7	1	3	9	4	8	2
8	2	3	4	7	6	9	5	1
1	9	4	5	8	2	6	3	7
2	3	5	9	4	1	8	7	6
7	4	1	6	5	8	2	9	3
6	8	9	7	2	3	5	1	4
3	7	8	2	6	5	1	4	9
4	1	6	8	9	7	3	2	5
9	5	2	3	1	4	7	6	8

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

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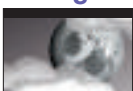
Ottawa weather

Afternoon



Mainly sunny.
31°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
19°

Tuesday



Showers.
29° / 18°

Wednesday



Variable.
26° / 15°

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Partly cloudy.
24° / 13°

Temperature Normals
High: 26.6°
Low: 14.5°

Records
High: 34.4°/1944
Low: 8.9°/1942

Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.
Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Moonrise: 10:49 a.m.
Moonset: 11:26 p.m.

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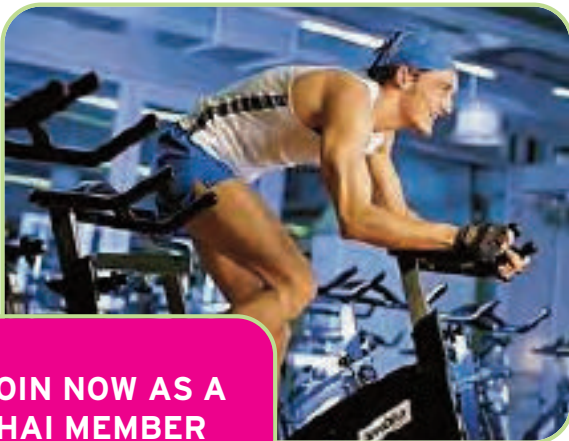
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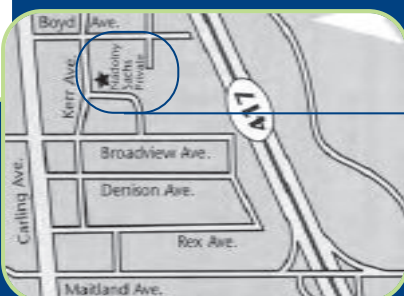
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